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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE ILLEGAL SALE OF U.S. EQUIPMENT IN SOUTH
VIETNAM

1. THE EMBASSY HAS BEEN ADVISED THAT A FRENCH COMPANY KNOWN
IN MEXICO AS COMPANIA INTERNACIONAL DE IMPLEMENTOS Y
MAQUINARIA, THROUGH A MR. SOUSTENIER, IS OFFERING FOR SALE
JULY 15 - AUGUST 5 IN SOUTH VIETNAM THE FOLLOWING NEW
EQUIPMENT AT A FRACTION OF ACTUAL COST: 12 SAWMILLS OF
12,500 BOARD FEET PER HOUR CAPACITY EACH, 56 CATERPILLAR
D-8 TRACTORS, 17 CATERPILLAR NO-7, 176 CATERPILLAR D-4,
21 ALLIS CHALMERS HD-21 TRACTORS, 9 ALLIS CHALMERS HD-16,
AND 72 GE 1000 KVA ELECTRICAL GENERATING PLANTS MOUNTED
ON RAIL CARS. USED EQUIPMENT OFFERED: 10 SAWMILLS (SAME
CAPACITY AS ABOVE), 146 FRONT LOADERS MOSTLY 3.5 YARD CAPACITY,
2 MILK PLANTS OF 10,000 LITERS PER HOUR CAPACITY, 1 MOBILE
BAKERY OF 100,000 BUNS PER HOUR CAPACITY, 340 PORTABLE
OVENS, 400 SINGLE KVA ELECTRICAL GENERATORS, AND HOSPITAL
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EQUIPMENT.

2. EMBASSY SUSPECTS SALE NOT ENTIRELY LEGAL. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE BRING TO ATTENTION OF PROPER AUTHORITIES AND ADVISE WHAT INFORMATION MAY BE AVAILABLE ON THIS OFFER AND THE COMPANY INVOLVED. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THERE IS CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST IN INVESTIGATING AND CURTAILING ILLEGAL SALES OF U.S. EQUIPMENT IN SOUTH VIETNAM.

3. EMBASSY WILL FORWARD ADDITIONAL DETAILS IF THEY BECOME AVAILABLE. JOVA

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